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SUBJECT: HASSAN MAKKI RETURNING TO US?

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1. ON SEPT 2 YAR MINSTATE AHMAD ABDU SAID INFORMED DCM RANSOM AND ME THAT HASSAN MAKKI, NOW BACK IN USG AS YAR AMB TO US AND UN, HAS BEEN NOMINATED TO KUWAITIS AS PRES OF SANA UNIVERSITY. KUWAITIS, WHO FUND THE UNIVERSITY, WILL PRESUMABLY AGREE TO NOMINATION, ACCORDING TO SAID.

2. SAID SAID--AND I AGREE--THAT THERE IS A GREAT NEED FOR FORMER YEMENI HAND ON UNIVERSITY TILLER. ALL BUT HANDFUL OF PROFESSORS ARE FOREIGN, MOSTLY EGYPTIAN. SIX HUNDRED MAN STUDENT BODY SHOWS INCIPIENT SIGNS OF BEING TROUBLESOME AND LEFTIST. UNIVERSITY ALSO NOT RPT NOT FELT TO BE SERVING YAR DEVELOPMENT NEEDS BY TURNING OUT LAW AND ARTS GRADUATES.

3. SAID CONFIDENT THAT MAKKI WILL ACCEPT POST. STATED THAT ALTHOUGH MAKKI DOES NOT HAVE PH.D.--ONLY MASTER'S DEGREE FROM ITALY--HE IS KNOWN AS INTELLECTUAL AND FROM HIS PAST GOVT AND DIPLOMATIC ASSIGNMENTS HAS DEVELOPED SOME ADMINISTRATIVE CAPACITY.

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4. SAID SUGGESTED THAT YAHYA JAGHMAN MIGHT BE RETURNED

TO US AS AMB NOTING THAT "JAGHMAN DOES NOT HAVE MUCH TO DO
HERE".

5. COMMENT: IN RECENT TALK WITH DCM, MAKKI ANTICIPATED
SPENDING AT LEAST ANOTHER YEAR AWAY FROM YEMEN AND THE
STRONG LEADERSHIP OF HAMDI. HAMDI, HOWEVER, KNOWS MAKKI'S
REPUTATION AS A LEFTIST AND MAY WELL WANT HIM CLOSE AT HAND,
BOTH TO KEEP AN EYE ON HIM AND TO EVIDENCE A BALANCED
IDEOLOGICAL POSITION. I DOUBT MAKKI COULD REFUSE A DETERMINED
HAMDI.
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